

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RE-INTRODUCTION OF IMPORTED COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Imported coaches ready to hit the track' appearing in the Hindu dated November 12, 2001;
- (b) if so, the reasons for which the imported coaches were withdrawn earlier by the Government;
- (c) whether the certificate from the Commissioner of Railway Safety has been obtained for running of these coaches; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The rake of imported coaches was withdrawn temporarily due to teething troubles associated with the new design of Centre Buffer Coupler used on these coaches. This problem has since been studied in detail along with manufacturer and necessary modifications have been done.

(c) & (d): The certificate of the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) for running these coaches was obtained prior to their introduction in May 2001. However, as a measure of abundant precaution, the permission of the CRS is being obtained again prior to re-introduction of these new type of coaches. Necessary formalities for satisfying the CRS for issue of sanction for re-introduction are in process. The sanction is expected to be available shortly.